

Dear Ed,

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Couldn't resist. First time I didn't feel like working I read Dorfman's fine CJR piece on Sherman the Vermin. More than the people of the Chicago area will benefit from flushing the toilet. By now the sick of the assassinations and the credulous of the press listen to this sick man, who has come to believe his own inventions and I suspect invents them to make himself feel important. Were I not so sure he is sick I'd hold a more sinister view. As you know, I know he is without morals or ethics and is a low-grade crook. (Wonder how come he hasn't called me some kind of agent. Especially when I was in O.S.S.) If you know Dorfman and he has any interest in that rabid bite at the Secret Service and others in the Groth material he stole, he can go through my files and copy what he wants. There is only one thing he'd have to keep confidential, unless he gets an o.k. from the person mentioned, a guy from whom my source - the man from whom skolnick stole my stuff - learned and got a few things. He was and may still be close to skolnick...Puns on names are in bad taste and I do believe this guy is sick in the head. But I'm tempted to predict that some wag will invent a term "skolnickery" to characterize this kind of skullduggery. Then even more than now the Chicago press will be less inclined to expose what should be. ...If he checks the Groth angle out, Dorfman may wonder if skolnick didn't help Groth by his excesses. D. might also find it interesting to do a morgue check on Groth as a young man and then consult the city directory to see if there was then more than one Dan. There is a morgue reference incidental to a murder and robbery...skolnick and I are not alone in an original spelling weakness. I think it might be worth checking this new stuff against his samples of the past. I did not put the mailing past him. I have samples of his spelling, typing, etc., as I suppose more people out there do. But on the rightwing angle, D. might want to remember that the Minutemen had a particularly effective espionage operation in Ill. I have some samples. Thanks,